

645—180.11(17A,147,272C) License reactivation. To apply for reactivation of an inactive license, a licensee shall:

180.11(1) Submit a reactivation application on a form provided by the board.

180.11(2) Pay the reactivation fee that is due as specified in 645—Chapter 184.

180.11(3) Provide verification of current competence to practice as an optometrist by satisfying one of the following criteria:

a. If the license has been on inactive status for five years or less, an applicant must provide the following:

(1) Verification of the license(s) from every jurisdiction in which the applicant is or has been licensed and is or has been practicing during the time period the Iowa license was inactive, sent directly from the jurisdiction(s) to the board office. Web-based verification may be substituted for verification from a jurisdiction's board office if the verification includes:

1. Licensee's name;
2. Date of initial licensure;
3. Current licensure status; and
4. Any disciplinary action taken against the license; and

(2) Verification of completion of 30 hours of continuing education for a diagnostically certified optometrist or 50 hours for a therapeutically certified optometrist within two years of application for reactivation unless the applicant provides proof of current CELMO certification. Proof of current CELMO certification satisfies continuing education requirements for the purpose of reactivation.

b. If the license has been on inactive status for more than five years, an applicant must provide the following:

(1) Verification of the license(s) from every jurisdiction in which the applicant is or has been licensed and is or has been practicing during the time period the Iowa license was inactive, sent directly from the jurisdiction(s) to the board office. Web-based verification may be substituted for verification from a jurisdiction's board office if the verification includes:

1. Licensee's name;
2. Date of initial licensure;
3. Current licensure status; and
4. Any disciplinary action taken against the license; and

(2) Verification of completion of 60 hours of continuing education for a diagnostically certified optometrist or 100 hours for a therapeutically certified optometrist within two years of application for reactivation unless the applicant provides proof of current CELMO certification. If the therapeutically certified optometrist provides proof of current CELMO certification, the applicant must also verify completion of an additional 50 hours of continuing education within two years of application for reactivation.